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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

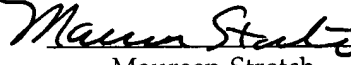
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find an amendment for the above-identified application in response to the official action mailed 1/18/05. Also enclosed are a Petition a Petition to withdraw from issue, a Request for Continued Examination, Submission of Information with form 1449 and notice of concurrent litigation and copies of non-patent references cited.

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Kindly amend the above application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 45, at line 15, replace that paragraph with - -Figures 15c-1 through 15c-2 are

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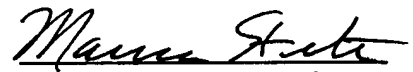
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block diagrams showing a proposed letter of credit using the present invention.

Applicants respectfully submit this corrects the inconsistency pointed out in the above office action.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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